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Interview Summary

Application No.
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Applicant(s)
Aust et al.

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Michael Thaler

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview May 28, 2003

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 3

Identification of prior art discussed:
Aust et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The attorney proposed adding the limitation "said actuator means extending through substantially the entire length of said articulated section" to some of the claims. The examiner indicated that Aust et al., by itself, would no longer be applicable against the claims with this amendment, but that this amendment would raise the new issues.

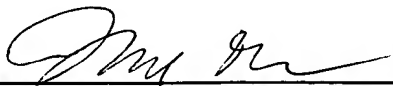
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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**MICHAEL THALER
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